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Cc: Daguillard, Robert[Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
From: Purchia, Liz
Sent: Sun 8/16/2015 8:11:56 PM
Subject: Re: Statement-NEEDS APPROVED

Thanks

Liz Purchia
U.S. EPA
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On Aug 16, 2015, at 4:11 PM, Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes, Robert is standing by to load and send. - George

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 16, 2015, at 3:57 PM, Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Will someone be able to send from HQ?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Harrison, Melissa" <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>
Date: August 16, 2015 at 3:53:49 PM EDT
To: EOC Public Information <EOC_Public_Information@epa.gov>
Cc: "Purchia, Liz" <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>, "Hull, George" <Hull.George@epa.gov>, "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Fw: Statement-NEEDS APPROVED

Jennifer-this is what I called about. Needs expedited review. Thanks!

From: Harrison, Melissa
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2015 3:35 PM

To: Ruhl, Christopher
Cc: Calanog, Steve; Kluesner, Dave; Grantham, Nancy
Subject: Statement-NEEDS APPROVED

******Please note there is no EPA media call on the Gold King Mine Response scheduled for today. EPA media calls will be scheduled if needed moving forward.***

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Gold King Mine Response Website in Spanish:

<http://espanol.epa.gov/espanol/respuesta-de-emergencia-al-derrame-de-la-mina-gold-king-enagosto-2015>

Latest data update:

<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/epa-statement-water-quality-data-collected-san-juan-river-between-farmington-and>

Mine Discharge Treatment

The Gold King Mine is releasing water at the rate of approximately 600 gallon per minute. Water is being treated at system of impoundments before being discharged to Cement Creek.

Unified Command in Durango, Colorado

Irrigation ditches drawing from the Animas River in Colorado have been flushed and continue to come back online to meet water needs. Water quality data show water meets criteria for agricultural purposes established by the state of Colorado.

EPA teams continue to collect water samples in the Animas River and in shallow, domestic wells adjacent to the river.

Unified Command in Farmington, New Mexico

For New Mexico, EPA has a team of 69 employees consisting of federal on-scene coordinators, water quality experts, technicians and contractors supporting the response to the spill. Daily information meetings at the Farmington Convention Center will resume on Monday, August 17.

Last night, New Mexico announced its determination that drinking water systems and recreational activity along the Animas and San Juan rivers can resume based on water quality sampling results collected by both New Mexico Environment Department and the EPA. Reopening drinking water system intakes and allowing recreational activities is a state and local decision and we believe they have taken appropriate steps in arriving at this decision. EPA sampling results from the river collected last week similarly show that water quality conditions are returning toward pre-event conditions.

EPA continues to collect water quality samples from nine locations in the river near intakes for Aztec, Farmington, Lower Valley Water Users Association, Morning Star Water Supply System and the North Star Water User Association. EPA will continue to sample, analyze, and make data available to support local decision makers moving forward to allow them to make the best informed decisions. Validated sampling data for the Animas and San Juan Rivers from the Northern Border of New Mexico to Navajo Nation collected from Aug. 9 to Aug. 10, 2015 has been released.

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